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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an interview granted to their attorney on August 19, 2003. During this interview, the Examiner and attorney agreed to consider the allowability of independent claims wherein the limitations of dependent claim 3, for example, were incorporated into claim 1. The present proposed amendment offers such a claim for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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